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REMARKS

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1. Between 10 and 15 October 1953, troops returned to all barracks installations in Stendal, mostly by road and during the night.
2. Prior to 13 October, the Taunitzer Kaserne in Stendal was occupied by about 250 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia; and blue-bordered black epaulets. Beginning about 14 October, the installation quartered at least 1,000 troops, mostly wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets.

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About 150 trucks arrived during the night. The column did not include any heavy weapons, but at least 5 motor boats or assault boats on trucks. On 14 October, all barracks buildings were lighted at dusk.

3. On 15 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered crimson and black-bordered black epaulets. Source expressed the belief that the installation included a hospital or a post dispensary. Ambulances were repeatedly seen entering the installation, coming from other barracks installations. An informant stated that, between 13 and 15 October, small columns of trucks continually went toward the barracks installation. On 15 October, the barracks buildings were fully lighted.

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4. Informants stated that, on 14 October, several tanks entered the Albrecht-dur-Baer Kaserne. On 15 October, about 170 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 30 troops wearing tank insignia; and about 20 troops with motor transport insignia; about 35 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 4 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the barracks area.

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5. On 15 October, the Borstel Fliegerhorst was occupied by a unit equipped with 100-mm AT guns and a unit of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 132-mm rocket launchers. [redacted] that the installation also quartered a checkpoint for motor vehicle columns. Arriving trucks mostly went first to the Borstel Fliegerhorst and from there to the barracks installations in the town. On 13 October, 8 rocket launchers left the installation for exercises in the area west of the training grounds. On 14 October, 2 three-axle trucks, each carrying a motorboat, about 5 meters long, left the Fliegerhorst toward the Taunitzer Kaserne.

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1. Comment. The assumed termination of the exercises of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps on 12 October and the vacation of the wood camp southeast of Jasvenitz on 13 October correspond to the present information on the arrival at the Stendal post of units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. After the completion of the return movement, probably on 15 October, the barracks installations in Stendal can be carried occupied as follows:

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Taunitzien Kaserne. Probably by the 977th Indep Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps; and presumably, by the 338th Engr Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and/or army engineers of the Third Shock Army. The strength estimate for this installation tends to indicate that additional units are stationed in this installation; however, the information fails to give indications for the identity of these units.

Hindenburg Kaserne. Probably by the 594th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, which had been stationed there prior to the summer training period.

Albrecht-König-Kaserne. Small elements of the 10th Tank SP Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The bulk of the regiment may still be stationed in the barracks installation south of Steats.

Borstel Fliegerhorst. By the 399th (T) Hq Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and an unidentified 100-mm AT unit. According to available information, the Fliegerhorst included an ammunition depot, where trucks presumably left ammunition before they proceeded to the various barracks installations.

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2. Comment. 25X1 has so far not been reported with a unit of the Third Shock Army.

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